Refugee sought by Pak nationals in Rajasthan

1782. SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime in February this year some Pakistani nationals belonging to the minority community there had sought refuge in Ramgarh Police Station of Jaiselmer District, Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action was taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Meeting of Bureau of the World Peace Council in New Delhi

1783. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of Bureau of the World Peace Council was held in New Delhi in the first week of April, 1984;

(b) if so, the number of delegates who attended the meeting and the countries they represented; and

(c) the institutions and organisations that played host to the meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information available with Government about 800 delegates from India and 72 delegates from Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, G.D.R., Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Iraq, Kampuchea, DPR Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Oman, P.L.O., Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, South Africa/ANC, Syria, Thailand, USA, USSR, Venezuela, Vietnam, PDR Yemen, Zambia attended. Representatives of UN, UNCTAD, UNIDO, U.N. Secretariat for the International Year of Peace, Women's International Democratic Federation and World Federation of Trade Unions were also present.

(c) The meeting was organised by the World Peace Council with assistance from All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation.

Counterfeit foreign exchange

1784. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the replies to Unstarred Question No. 2227 and 1985 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th November, 1982 and the 17th March, 1983 respectively and state:

(a) whether the investigation into the case regarding recovery of counterfeit U.S. and Canadian dollars from one Gangaram Kapur has since been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details of the findings;

(c) what action has been taken in the matter;

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(e) whether Government have ascertained the source of income of Kapur in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) The investigation of the case has since been completed. A challan has been put in the court on the 8th February, 1984 against Shri Gangaram Kapur for possessing forged Canadian and U.S. dollars.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The interrogation of Shri Kapur reveals that he is engaged in import and export business for the last 2 years.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister's criticism of Indian Prime Minister

1785. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Times of India' of May 26, 1984 under the caption "Premadasa assails P.M.";

(b) whether Prime Minister has taken up this matter with the President of Sri Lanka; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Sri Lankan President in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Government have deplored the statement made by the Sri Lankan Prime Minister in the Sri Lankan Parliament on 24th May and pointed out that the charges and accusations hurled at India were totally without basis.

(c) Sri Lankan Government have stated that of late such statements have not been made by anyone in the Sri Lankan Government.

Recovery of loan from M/s. Orient Vision Limited by ETTDC

1786. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ETTDC) has not been able to recover a sum of Rs. 1.39 crores given to M/s. Orient Vision Limited and its subsidiaries as loans;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken to fix responsibility in the matter and to recover the said amount from the company?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) and (b) Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation (ETTDC) now known as (ETIT) has not given a loan of Rs. 1.39 crores to M/s. Orient Vision Limited. However, certain amounts are due to ETTDC on various accounts, from M/s. Orient Vision Ltd. (OVL) and its subsidiaries viz. M/s. D. T. Gandhi (DTG) and M/s. Orientronics Electronics Ltd., (OEL) as per details given in statement. The dues include an amount of loan of Rs. 15 lakhs given to OVL plus interest thereon of Rs. 6.6 lakhs and an advance of Rs. 5 lakh given to its subsidiary, viz. M/s. D. T. Gandhi (DTG).

(c) In pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee on Public Undertakings of Parliament, the Department of Electronics, appointed a Committee to enquire into the affairs, of OVL. The Committee has since given its report and the report is under the examination of Government.